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Spitfire Dedicates New Runway

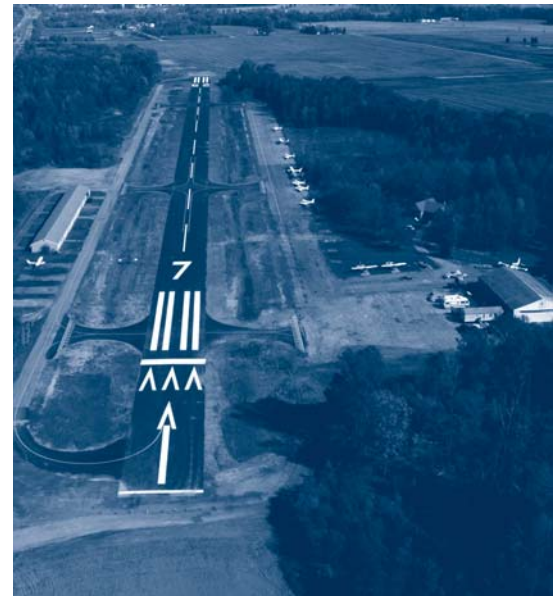
Runway 7-25 at Spitfire Aerodrome (7N7) in Oldmans Township, Salem County is now accessible 24 hours a day. It was rededicated in November following \$1.3 million in renovations funded by NJDOT and owner Jack Fetsko of Spitfire Aerospace Technologies, Inc.

The runway was completely rebuilt, increasing its width from 50 to 60 feet with new runway lighting. As a result, its VFR – Daylight restriction was removed.

Apron and taxiway repaving and new t-hangars are in the works.

Known as Oldmans Airport when it was purchased by Fetsko in 1999, Spitfire is a public use airport. It is approximately 17 miles from Wilmington, DE, and 30 miles from Philadelphia, PA.

Home to 37 privately owned aircraft, Spitfire averages 23 takeoffs and landings each day, one third of which are transient aircraft.



New runway at Spitfire Aerodrome

NJDOT Proposes Aid Changes

User-friendly and less paperwork and time are the main features of the new NJDOT application process for airport aid that will be released for public comment this coming January.

In addition, the state-applicant formula for state-funded projects would increase from 90-10 to 95-5, thus cutting the local share in half. Under the proposed changes, airports would be able to apply for aid twice a year, instead of once a year as it stands now.

Newly eligible project types include funding of airport fueling facilities and tie-down area improvements. Fuel facility and aircraft tie-down area improvements are a statewide safety and operating convenience need.

For example, in some airports at this time, the only available aircraft tie-down space is either on grass (mud) or gravel (prop dings) areas often unusable in winter.

New Jersey was one of the first states to invest in safety improvements at privately owned public use airports. It is a national leader in ensuring that both privately and publicly owned public use airports have access to the resources needed to provide safe and well maintained airport facilities.

A copy of the proposed changes is available by writing to: NJDOT, Division of Aeronautics, P.O. Box 610, Trenton, NJ, 08625-0610.



From Commissioner Jack Lettiere

NJDOT Streamlines Aid Program

More than half of New Jersey's public use airports are privately owned and ineligible to receive Federal Aviation Administration aid. Recognizing this situation, the state designed its airport aid program to fit the needs of privately owned airports.

I am pleased to announce that NJDOT has completely rewritten our airport aid regulations to make the airport aid program more user friendly. The following are features of the new regulations to be released for public comment in January:

- Airports can apply for aid twice instead of once a year.
- Projects such as improved tie-down areas and fueling facilities are now eligible for state aid.
- NJDOT will have more flexibility to respond to emergency projects.
- The regulations are easier to understand.
- The regulations are reduced by more than half.

Customer service is among NJDOT's top priorities. We do not want complicated regulations or bureaucratic paperwork to stand in the way of the completion of projects. We will continue to make every effort to streamline the process of delivering airport projects.

Best wishes for safe and fun flying in 2006.

Jack Lettiere

General Aviation Meets Security Challenge

Aviation trade organizations, and airport users, owners and operators have worked in partnership to systematically improve the safety and security of general aviation since the events of September 11, 2001. According to NJDOT Director of Aeronautics Tom Thatcher, it's an important success story.

The major general aviation trade organizations and user groups have partnered with law enforcement agencies to develop nationally recognized guidance and "best practices" for general aviation security, he said.

Information about nationally accepted general aviation security best practices is available on the Internet.*

Thatcher recommended the following practices:

- securing unattended aircraft and hangars;
- prominently posting and/or carrying important emergency contact numbers;
- partnering with local law enforcement officials;
- participating in cooperative "Airport Watch" initiatives;

- knowing clients and their aircraft;
- educating staff and clients on security matters;
- controlling access to keys and aircraft operational areas;
- using lighting and/or fencing to protect sensitive areas;
- reporting any suspicious activities to the proper authorities; and,
- most importantly, never being complacent about security.

These best practices make sense and are relatively easy to do. The safety and security of airports and airplanes is everybody's responsibility. As a result of meeting these responsibilities, general aviation in the U.S. has had few significant security incidents.

"It's a record we want to uphold," Thatcher said.

* "Security Guidelines for General Aviation Airports," Transportation Security Administration at: http://www.tsa.gov/public/interapp/editorial/editorial_1113.xml

"General Aviation Security," National Association of State Aviation Officials at: http://www.nasao.org/Publications/pdf_files/NASA_O_Security_Paper_2002.pdf

2006 Contest Theme Set for Youths

"Air Sports and Nature in Harmony" is the theme of the 2006 International Aviation Art Contest for youths. Entries must be postmarked by January 10, 2006. Contest rules and the application are available online on the News and Events section of NJDOT's aviation Web site at www.njdot.nj.gov/commuter/aviation.

The artwork submitted for the 2005 contest was so exceptional – two New Jersey entries

recognized at the national competition and one at the international level – that NJDOT has published a 15-month calendar, "New Jersey's Young Artists."

Each of the 15 winning entries illustrates a different month from October 2005 to December 2006. The calendar is available at New Jersey public use airports on a first-come, first-served basis, free of charge.

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Eagle Flight Squadron Receives \$7,500 Grant

The Eagle Flight Squadron in East Orange has received a \$7,500 aviation education and promotion grant from NJDOT. The grant will be used to purchase aviation educational materials for the Squadron's youth cadet program.

The Eagle Flight Squadron is a nonprofit educational organization founded by Reverend Russell R. White in 1975. It has helped many urban teens from low income families to learn to fly and to find careers in aviation. Reverend White was inducted into New Jersey's Aviation Hall of Fame at Teterboro for his leadership of the Eagle Squadron.



The East Orange Eagle Flight Squadron

Teterboro FSDO Honors Safe Pilots

Gustave Mattia of Wall Township, and Joseph Edwin (Ed) Hoffmire of Clifton have received The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. This award is presented by the Federal Aviation Administration Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) to pilots with 50 years of documented safe flying.

On December 9 the Teterboro FSDO will present The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award to John M. Miller of Poughkeepsie, NY, who will celebrate his 100th birthday in December.

FAA Closes Millville Flight Service Station

As part of its program to reorganize and consolidate its flight service stations, the Federal Aviation Administration has closed its Millville facility.

The Millville Flight Service Station served generations of New Jersey aviators. Its staff provided pilots with weather briefings, en route briefings, airman notices, "DF" steers and a place to both file and close flight plans. In the early 1990s Millville employed almost 70 people.

Greenwood Airport Restaurant Reopens as Crosswinds Café

After being closed for more than a year, the restaurant at Greenwood Lake Airport has been refurbished and will reopen in December as The Crosswinds Café. The 49-seat restaurant operated by Charlie Wollertz and Craig Reiding will serve Italian American food every day but Monday for breakfast and lunch. Dinner may be available. Just outside the Café, preserved and mounted on pedestals, is the four-engine Constellation airliner that flew to the airport in the 1970s. For restaurant hours, please call 973.657.0188.



Charlie Wollertz operates Crosswinds.



The Crosswinds Café at Greenwood Lake Airport

Cut Out and Save This Aviation Emergency Protocol Card!

Cut Out and Save

Aviation Emergency Protocol - 1

Please notify the following agencies in this order:

Local police and EMS	911
NJDOT Aeronautics	
Business hours	609-530-2900/2911
After hours*	609-882-2000
FAA via FSS	800-992-7433
NTSB	973-334-6420
NJ State Police	609-882-2000

*NJ State Police

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Mystery-Pix

Can you name this nationally famous New Jersey aviator? (Answer in next issue.)

Hint: The nationally famous New Jersey aviator in this picture was a WWI pilot, founder of the Civil Air Patrol, AOPA founder and member number 001 (WOW!), and an inductee into the Teterboro New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame. The answer will be in the next *Flight Log*.

Last issue's Mystery-Pix

Last issue's Mystery-Pix was an aerial photograph of what we now call Cape May County Airport. When this photo was taken during WWII it was known as the Cape May Naval Air Station and was a major training center for naval aviators.

Cut Out and Save

Aviation Emergency Protocol - 2

Other helpful numbers:

Allentown FSDO*	610-264-2888
Philadelphia FSDO*	610-595-1500
Teterboro FSDO*	201-556-6600
NJDEP	877-927-6337
Report Suspicious Activity	866-GA-SECURE

*Flight Standards District Office



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